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Letter dated 23 January 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement made on 23 January 2002 by the cabinet ministers of the State of Qatar condemning and denouncing Israel's violent attacks against the Palestinian people inside the occupied territory (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 41 and 42, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 23 January 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Arabic]

The Council of Ministers has voiced its condemnation of Israel's savage outrages and arbitrary actions against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, which are in flagrant violation of international covenants and conventions. The Council has called upon the entire international community to meet all of its responsibilities with regard to this situation; to take action to protect the Palestinian people and ensure the removal of the blockade imposed on it; to provide support to the Palestinian National Authority; to halt the violence and brutality that is obstructing the peace process and heightening tension; and to strive for the resumption of negotiations between the two sides in the hope of achieving a just peace in the region.